

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. TF-00-145 (TF-98-113, TF-98-220)
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**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF TERMINATING PILOT PROJECT**

(Issued June 22, 2000)

On June 6, 2000, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a proposed tariff, identified as TF-00-145, to withdraw its Extended Market Access Service (EMAS) tariff and terminate its EMAS pilot project. This retail access pilot project for residential and commercial customers in Council Bluffs, Iowa, was approved by the Board in orders issued on August 21, 1998, and October 2, 1998, in Docket No. TF-98-113. Compliance tariffs were approved on December 2, 1998, in Docket No. TF-98-220. MidAmerican initiated the two-year pilot project on April 1, 1999. No objections to the proposed tariff terminating the pilot project were filed.

The pilot project was designed to test direct electric retail access for small commercial and residential customers. In support of the proposal to withdraw the pilot tariff and terminate the pilot project, MidAmerican said that after 14 months of the pilot no competitive electric suppliers have elected to participate and no suppliers have expressed current interest in the pilot. The only registered supplier is

MidAmerican's retail subsidiary, MidAmerican Services. MidAmerican Services will not solicit or serve customers unless there are other non-affiliated competitive suppliers. Because there are no suppliers, no customers can participate in the pilot.

The Board will approve the tariff withdrawing the EMAS tariff and terminating the pilot. Because no non-affiliated suppliers have stepped forward to participate, nothing more can be learned by continuing the pilot. Continuing the pilot with no suppliers able or willing to serve would only result in additional pilot costs being accrued with no benefit to customers. The pilot is now completed.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

Tariff filing TF-00-145 is approved, effective on the date of this order.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2000.